

Fifteen Schools To Form Energy Action Patrols

Energy Action In Schools Program Provides Energy Efficiency Curriculum To Indiana Schools

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(Indianapolis) – Fifteen Indiana schools will be taking part in the Energy Action in Schools program this school year. Each school will form Energy Action Patrols, made up of students, teachers, administrators and facilities managers to find ways to conserve energy in their school buildings. The program is made possible by federal grant funds administered through the Indiana Office of Energy Development.

"It's important for schools to spend every dollar wisely, and the patrols will help make that happen," Lt. Governor Becky Skillman said. "Getting students involved in this process will also teach them a valuable lesson in real-world economics."

These schools are taking part in the program during the 2011-2012 school year:

- Chrisney Elementary School (Spencer County)
- o Clark Pleasant Intermediate School (Johnson County)
- o Clifty Creek Elementary School (Bartholomew County)
- o Eads Elementary School (Lake County)
- Fishers High School (Hamilton County)
- o Fishers Junior HS (Hamilton County)
- Hope Elementary School (Bartholomew County)
- Heritage Hills Middle School (Spencer County)
- o Indian Creek High School (Johnson County)
- o L.C. Schmitt Elementary School (Bartholomew County)
- o Richmond High School (Wayne County)
- Scottsburg High School (Scott County)
- Seymour High School (Jackson County)
- Shelbyville High School (Shelby County)
- o Winamac Community High School (Pulaski County)

The schools selected for the program will receive training for facilities managers/energy managers on how to provide behavior training as well as education programs to support energy management efforts in schools. They will also receive Energy Patrol modules for classroom

instruction. These patrols, made up of students with teacher support, will monitor energy usage in their school building and make recommendations on how to save energy. The schools will also have a behavioral audit performed twice a year, including assistance with tracking energy savings from their behavior modification efforts.

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